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MEETING: ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATION

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1. REQUEST SCICOUN PLEASE ADVISE BARINOV THAT IT WILL BE
SOME TIME BEFORE DOT WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

CONTAINED REFTEL. ANSWERS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILA-
BLE. AS TO QUESTION D., WHOLE POINT OF DOT-SCST DIALOGUE
ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IS TO GET RECOGNITION THAT U. S.
PARTICIPANTS IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT BE
TREATED AS "TOURISTS" AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY. DOT IS
USUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RATE IN
EXCELLENT HOTELS FOR SOV DELS TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR STATED
NEED TO KEEP WITHIN THEIR LIMITED ALLOWANCES. DOT IS ONLY
SEEKING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT.

2. FYI. DOT FULLY AWARE OF HOTEL SITUATION IN SOVIET
UNION AND POINT THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE
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TO PAY THE SAME AT SUCH HOTELS DOES NOT DISPOSE OF ISSUE

BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT DISADVANTAGED AS OUR PEOPLE ARE BY
THE COMBINATION OF HIGH HOTEL RATES, POOR ACCOMMODATIONS
BY U. S. STANDARDS, AND LOW EXCHANGE RATE. ONE OF POSSI-

BILITIES SOVIETS WERE TO EXPLORE AS A RESULT OF DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH RAMUNDO IS A "DISCOUNT" IN THE FORM OF

A PERCENTAGE PAYMENT (ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE PERCENTAGE
OF THE GOVERNMENT RATE DISCOUNT) BY THE HOSTING MINISTRY.

DOT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ELIMINATING PAYMENT FOR
RESERVATION BY HAVING THIS COVERED BY THE MINISTRY
CONCERNED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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